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**COPY of the MEMORIAL**  
presented to the King of *SWEDEN*  
by Mr. POINTZ, His Majesty's Envoy  
Extraordinary, relating to the Accession  
of the Crown of *Sweden* to the Treaty  
of *Hanover*.

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**T**HE underwritten Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, has received Orders to represent to your Majesty, That the most Serene King his Master being always careful to preserve the Peace of the North, and to secure the Welfare of *Sweden* against any Attempts, with which he has ever thought or does think this Nation threaten'd: With this View, after having concluded the Defensive Alliance of the last Year, to shew his particular Regard to your Majesty and the Kingdom of *Sweden*, order'd the Under-written, in Conjunction with the Ministers of his Allies, to communicate the said Treaty to your Majesty, and to invite your Majesty in the most Cordial Manner to accede to it in order to renew and strengthen the Common Friendship, and by that Means to procure a more select and a more lasting Support for the Security of *Sweden* in a Conjunction when almost all the Powers of Europe think of entering into new Measures. His Majesty thinks himself entitled to ask this Mark of Friendship from your Majesty, not only by the Part he takes in the Welfare of a Nation always firmly ally'd with this Crown, and which has formerly supported with so much Reputation and Glory the Ballance of the North and the Protestant Cause in the Empire, but also by the great and heavy Expences which his Britannick Majesty and his Kingdoms would be oblig'd to bear, if *Sweden*, for Want of necessary Precautions, should remain expos'd to the Dangerous Designs of its Neighbours. But notwithstanding all these Demonstrations of Friendship and a Distinguish'd Regard to the Crown of *Sweden*, his Majesty can't help complaining,

plaining, in a friendly Manner, that the Conduct of this Crown has not fully answer'd the Good Intentions and Just Hopes of his Majesty, since far from seeing these Offers of Friendship receiv'd with a mutual Exactness, he has had the Misfortune to find this Negotiation carry'd on for above Six Months by Delays which are not to be accounted for; and and tho' this Treaty can justly offend Nobody but those who seek Pretences to disturb the Publick Tranquillity, against the Articles of which there is less Objection to be made, since it is form'd upon this Model and almost on the Conditions of many Ancient Treaties of the Crown of *Sweden*; nevertheless, so many Difficulties and Exceptions have been rais'd against the Contents of the said Treaty, that if your Majesty's Commissioners have Orders to insist upon them, the Negotiation may easily drop of itself without giving your Majesty the Trouble of a direct Refusal.

In the mean Time, the Crown of *Sweden* has enter'd into New Measures with other Powers, which, if one may judge by the Experience of past Times, have neither the same Interest, nor the same Power, nor the same Inclination to assist *Sweden*, which the Crown of *Great Britain* has always had, and of which it has upon many Occasions given convincing and real Proofs: Besides, New Measures have been taken not only without any Restriction, but with so much Readiness and Earnestness, that notwithstanding the Crown of *Sweden* has declared by a Treaty sign'd 1720, that it was notorious, that in Violation of the Treaties of Peace of *Westphalia* and *Oliva*, the Protestant Religion was so much oppress'd and persecuted within and without the *Roman Empire*, that it was much to be fear'd this Religion would be entirely destroy'd. Nevertheless, it does not appear that this Crown in its new Alliances has insisted upon the least Redress of these Grievances, nor has it excepted this particular Case out of the Succours it is oblig'd to furnish, which are more than double what the Commissioners have offer'd to us with relation to the Treaty of *Hanover*.

Although these long Delays and this Partiality of Conduct to Powers who, according to the most authentick Accounts, don't wish very well to the Crown of *Great Britain*, nor the Protestant Succession, whereof your Majesty is become Guarantee, might have justly damp'd the good Intentions of his Majesty to *Sweden*; nevertheless, the Constancy of his Friendship has been such, that least the Crown of *Sweden*, by the Delays it has itself occasion'd to the Accession, should be expos'd in the mean Time to any immediate Danger, his Majesty, to shew before-hand his Exactness to perform his Engagements and his Care to assist *Sweden*, had a Mind to let the Crown of *Sweden* see the Advantage of the Accession, in sending here a powerful Squadron, without being requir'd to it, and in ordering his Admiral to come here in Person to assure your Majesty, as well by Letter as by Word of Mouth, of the Friendship and Sincerity of the Intentions of the Serene King his Master, and at the same Time to inform himself, if your Majesty thought yourself in any immediate Danger from the Armament

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ment of your Neighbour, and in that Case to concert Measures with your Majesty and your Ministers for the Defence and Advantage of Sweden by Verue of a full Power, with which the Admiral was furnish'd for that Purpose. But as during the Stay of the said Admiral at *Stockholm*, your Majesty was pleased to let the Underwritten know by a Gracious Answer in Writing, *That your Majesty having a Defensive Alliance with Russia, did not think yourself in any Danger from that Quarter*, One may hope from the Justice of your Majesty, that if by the Departure of the *British Fleet*, and for want of Measures taken in Time, in the Consequence, some Misfortune should happen to *Sweden*, it ought not, as some have very unjustly done upon former Occasions, be imputed to the Want of necessary Orders to his Majesty's Admiral, nor for the Want of Inclination to execute those Orders with Fidelity and Exactness.

And since the Season of the Year and the Conjuncture of Affairs make it important to his Majesty and his Allies as well as to the Crown of *Sweden*, to know as soon as possible what is to be rely'd on, the Underwritten has receiv'd Orders to beseech your Majesty once again, that your Majesty would be pleas'd, according to your wonted Wisdom and Foresight, to give a serious Attention to the friendly Offers of his Majesty, and to the true Interest of *Sweden*, and to grant us a final Answer with relation to the said Accession, which may not give the Allies of *Hannover* Reason to think themselves amus'd by a fruitless Negotiation. I have receiv'd Orders to declare at the same Time, that there is nothing in the World the Serene King my Master more ardently wishes, than to see himself firmly United with this Crown for the Peace of the *North*, for the free Navigation of the *Baltick Sea*, for the Good of the Protestant Cause, and the Reciprocal Advantage of the Two Kingdoms.

But if your Majesty forewarn'd in time of the apparent Dangers which threaten these inestimable Blessings with some Attempt, does not find it for your Advantage to enter into new Alliances to oppose them, his Majesty will think himself excus'd before God and all the impartial World, if he is oblig'd, tho' with great Concern, to concert Measures elsewhere to obtain these salutary Ends by all just and convenient Means, and if in that Case instead of anticipating the Desires and the Demands of *Sweden*, he contents himself for the Time to come, to perform his Engagements to this Crown according to the Conditions of the Times limited by Treaties, and in such Manner as the Reciprocal Friendship of the Crown of *Sweden* and the Care of its own Preservation will justify the Expence to the Great Council of his Majesty and the *British Nation*, which has so often furnish'd its Assistance, altho' *Great Britain* has never, hitherto, claim'd the Help of *Sweden*, and is not at present in any Likelihood of having Occasion to claim it for the future.

But the Serene King my Master will always hope better from the Friendship of your Majesty, from the Wisdom of a Council so knowing as that of Sweden. His Majesty cannot imagine that the Fear of Dangers can be a good Reason not to guard against the same Dangers, nor that the vain and uncertain Hope of some Advantage to come, which the Crown, from whence it is expected, dares not own, can be a Reason to reject the Friendship of those Powers, which will always be the firmest Support of all the present and future Advantages of Sweden; nor, lastly, that imaginary and perhaps ensnaring Promises can be put in Ballance against a *near Subsidy of near a Hundred Thousand Ducats a Month, that your Majesty will be enabled to claim by the Accession* in case of an Attack, and also with a more considerable Succour, according to the Necessity of the Danger, and that promised by Powers who are in a Condition to make good their Engagements without being oblig'd to seek for Assistance elsewhere; and *who have an Interest not occasional, but constant, to wish well to Sweden.*

The Underwritten hopes, that your Majesty graciously reflecting upon what is above-mention'd, will at last honour him with a favourable Answer, which being the Result of a mature Consideration, may lay the Foundation of an Eternal and Unalterable Friendship. In the mean Time he has the Honour humbly to recommend himself to the Protection and Favour of your Majesty.



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